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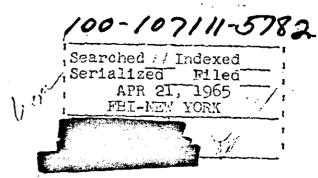
Pursuant to instructions set forth in Part II, Section 4, pages 21-23, of the Manual of Rules and Regulations, the NYO must submit annually by June 1st certain information concerning the characterization of organizations.

The above-captioned organization is among those organizations on which a characterization has previously been submitted and should be brought up to date, or one on which a characterization should be submitted.

is assigned to review the existing characterization on captioned organization to determine if the characterization is current, or to review the case file and prepare an original characterization where none exists.

All characterizations should be rewritten to reflect current status of the organization and should be clear and concise. They should reflect date organization formed; its aims and purposes; subversive initiation, domination, or control; and current status. Information in the characterization should be attributed to "a source" and no "T" symbols nor evaluation of the sources should be reflected in the characterization. The identity and evaluation of the sources used should be reflected at the end of the characterization under the heading "Sources," with sufficient spacing to indicate it is not part of the characterization.

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Characterizations of organizations will fall in one of the following categories:

- (A) Organizations which have become defunct since June 1, 1964.
- (B) Newly formed organizations which are pending and concerning which insufficient information exists as yet to prepare a characterization.
- (C) All active organizations on which characterizations are being submitted for approval.

If the case you are reviewing for this project falls in category "A" merely submit a memorandum for file, with a copy for the subversive organization file (100-90311), reflecting Bureau file and date characterization submitted to Bureau reflecting organization is defunct. If the organization is newly formed, submit a memorandum for file with a copy for the subversive organization file (100-90311) reflecting Bureau file and a statement reflecting information set out in category "B" These memoranda should be forwarded to SA Section 41.

If the organization falls within item "C" thenprepare an up-to-date characterization, except in those
cases where a current characterization has been submitted
since April 1, 1965. In the latter case, merely submit
a memorandum as above, reflecting date characterization
submitted and Bureau file number.

Pursuant to current Bureau instructions the upto-date characterization must be submitted to the Bureau on letterhead stationery which should be prepared as Tollows:



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The copies to the Bureau will consist of the original and one copy. The copy Should consist of only the first page of the letterhead memorandum. If approved, the Bureau will stamp "Approved" on the single-page copy and return it to the NYO.

At the time that you have the letterhead memorandum prepared, also have a 5 x 8 card typed reflecting the name of the organization at the upper left, Agent's name at top center, and the NY file number at upper right. Then have the characterization, identity and evaluation of sources typed on the remainder of the card. Have your supervisor initial the card at lower left corner at the same time he initials the letterhead memorandum for transmittal to the Bureau. The letterhead memorandum with card attached, should be forwarded to SA Section 41, and the letterhead memorandum with the card attached to the Bureau by means of a cover letter. The card will be retained by SA pending Bureau approval of the characterization.

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Synopsis:

Headquarters of BACSC continue to be located at 345 Franklin Street, San Francisco. WARREN K. BILLINGS and ESTHER LAMPEL, Chairman and Secretary, respectively, for BACSC. Main target of BACSC is to get SOEELL released from jail. EBSC does not function.

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DETAILS:

Characterizations for the Bay Area Council of Sobell Committees (BACSC), also known as the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, are contained in the Appendix Section attached hereto.

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I. BACSC

A. Headquarters

SF T-1 reported on May 3, 1965, that the headquarters of the BACSC are located at 345 Franklin Street, San Francisco, California.

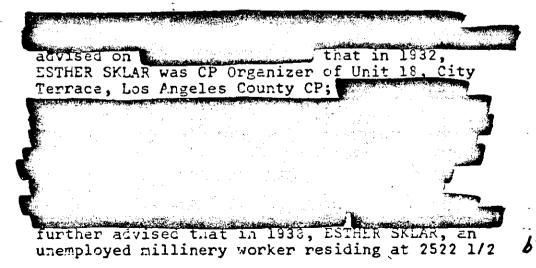
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SF T-1 on May 3, 1965, identified WARREN K. EILLINGS and ESTHER LAMPEL, also known as ESTHER SKLAR, as Chairman and Secretary of the EACSC, respectively.

The December 3, 1961, issue of the "People's World" (PW) identified WARREN K. BILLINGS as the person who was "recently" pardoned in the 1916 Preparedness Day bombing with TOM MODNEY.

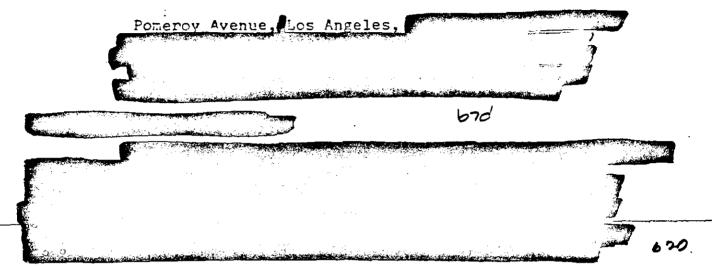
The PW is a West Coast communist publication printed in San Francisco.

On March 27, 1953, WARREN K. BILLINGS informed Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that he was not and had never been a member of the Communist Party (CP), but described himself as a "philosophical anarchist."



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D. Activities

SF T-1 related on that the main target of the BACSC was to get MORTON SOBELL released from jail.

II. EAST BAY SOBELL COMMITTEE (EESC)

SF T-1 informed on that the EBSC had ceased to function.

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BAY AREA COUNCIL OF SOBELL COMMITTEES, aka. Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, Northern California Council of Sobell Committees

A source advised on October 31, 1955, at the Bay Area Council of Sobell Committees (BACSC) was formed on October 17, 1955, in San Francisco, California, as the local affiliate of the National Sobell Committee to carry out the policies of the National Committee to obtain the freedom of MORTON SOBELL.

On April 22, 1964, a second source advised that the BACSC has its headquarters at 345 Franklin Street, San Francisco, California, and is continuing to function and plan future Sobell affairs.

On December 18, 1959, a third source advised that MARY KRVAR, a member of the Warehouse Club, Communist Party (CP), East Bay Region, Oakland, California, and the paid organizer for the BACSC, has stated that the CP is interested in controlling the BACSC so that the BACSC will continue to follow the line of the National Sobell Committee in attempting to obtain the freedom of MORTON SOBELL.

APPENDIX

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COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

"Following the execution of atoric spies ETHEL and JULIUS POSENBERG in June, 1953, the 'Communist campaign assumed a different emphasis. Its major effort centered upon MONTON SOBELL, the ROSENBERGS' codefendant. The Maticnal Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case - a communist front which had been conducting the campaign in the United States - was reconstituted as the Mational Rosenberg-Sobell Committee at a conference in Chicago in October, 1953, and then as the Mational Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case'..."

("Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" dated December 1, 1961, issued by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, page 115.)

In September, 1954, the name "National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" appeared on literature issued by the Committee. In March, 1955, the current name, "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell," first appeared on literature issued by the Corrittee.

The Address Telephone Directory for the Borough of Manhattan, New York City, as published by the New York Telephone Company on April 20, 1964, lists the "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" (CSJMS) as being located at 940 Broadway, New York, New York.

APPENDIX

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San Francisco, California

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COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

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Reference

Report of SA dated and captioned as above at San Francisco.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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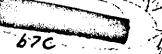
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In the Korean War Year of 1951, during the period of McCarthyism, Morton Sobell and Ethel and Julius Rosenberg pleaded innocent to a charge of conspiracy to commit espionage. Morton Sobell was not included in the accusation of atomic conspiracy which resulted in the unprecedented execution of the Resembergs. The case against him rested upon the unsupported testimony of one witness, a confessed perjurer. The trial records shows no specific item of information supposed to have been secured or transmitted by Sobell. The testimony against him has been called "vague in content and slender in proof" by Reinhold Niebuhr, Edmond Cahn, John C. Bennett, Daniel Day Williams, Paul Ramsey, Jerome Nathanson and Gerhard O. W. Mueller in a study made in 1959 which asked for commutation of sentence, without judging Sabell's guilt or innocence.

In this same context Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. has said, "His (Sobell's) continued imprisonment will do a great deal to undermine our constitutional freedoms and safeguards of due process."

Among those who have asked for Morton Sobelits freedom on many grounds are eminent scientists, educators, clergymen, turists, legislators...and EIGHT NOBEL LAUREATES.

President Johnson, ACT ON THIS PETITION!

— CITIZENS' FULL PARDON FOR— MORTON SOBELL

In the national effort to end the atmosphere of immorality and malice that concerns us all, we must come to grips with the festering case of Morton Sobell.

"I am innocent," Morton Sobell has cried out through more than 14 years of imprisonment. We believe him. Some of the most eminent persons in the United States and abroad have found the evidence barren, questioned the fairness of the trial, and voiced shock at the extreme cruelty of the 30-year sentence.

As responsible citizens, in whose name Morton Sobell's imprisonment continues, we cannot be associated with such a denial of justice to a man and his family, and to our nation's ideals. We wish to join in granting on behalf of the public conscience a CITIZENS' FULL PARDON to Morton Sobell.

We respectfully call upon the President of the United States to make this an official act of the United States Government.

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These respected names are among the thousands who have signed. Join thems

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In the Korean War Year of 1951, during the period of McCarthyism, Worlon Sobell and Ethel and Julius Rosenberg pleaded innocent to a charge of conspiracy to commit espionage, Morton Sobell was not included in the accusation of atomic conspiracy which resulted in the unprecedented execution of the Rosenbergs. The case against him rested upon the unsupported testimony of one witness, a confessed perjurer. The trial records shows no specific item of information supposed to have been secured or transmitted by Sobelt. The testimony against him has been called "vague in content and slender in proof" by Reinhold Niebuhr, Edmond Cahn, John C. Bennett, Daniel Day Williams, Paul Ramsey, Jerome Nathanson and Gerhard O. W. Mueller in a study made in 1959 which asked for commutation of sentence, without judging Sabell's guilt or innocence.

In this same context Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. has said, "His (Sobell's) continued imprisonment will do a great deal to undermine our constitutional freedoms and safeguards of due process."

Among those who have asked for Morton Sobeli's freedom on many grounds are eminent scientists, educators, clergymen, jurists, legislators...and EIGHT NOBEL LAUREATES.

President Johnson, ACT ON THIS FETITION!

-CITIZENS' FULL PARDON FOR

MORTON SOBELL

In the national effort to end the atmosphere of immorality and malice that concerns us all, we must come to grips with the festering case of Morton Sobell.

"I am innocent," Morton Scholl has cried out through more than 14 years of imprisonment. We believe him. Some of the most eminent persons in the United States and abroad have found the evidence barren, questioned the fairness of the trial, and voiced shock at the extreme cruelty of the 30-year sentence.

As responsible citizens, in whose name Morton Sobell's imprisonment continues, we cannot be associated with such a denial of justice to a man end his family, and to our nation's ideals. We wish to join in granting on behalf of the public conscience a CITIZENS' FULL PARDON to Morton Sobell.

We respectfully call upon the President of the United States to make this an official act of the United States Government.

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These respected names are among the thousands who have signed. Join thems

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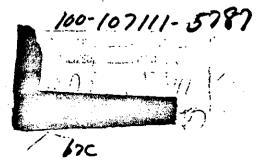
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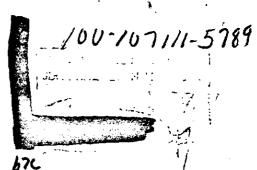
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Copies of this report are being designated for INTC, ONI and OSI for information purposes.

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INFORMANTS

The following confidential informants were contacted on dates indicated and were unable to supply information concerning Sobell Committee activity in Philadelphia:



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Synopsis

The Philadelphia Sobell Committee has no headquarters, officers, formal members, or official organ. No activities in Philadelphia area in the last 14 months.

Details:

At Philadelphia, Pa.

- All addresses used in this report are Philadelphia, Pa., unless otherwise noted.

Characterizations of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell (CSJMS) and the Philadelphia Sobell Committee (PSC) are contained in the appendix of this report.

On May 10, 1965, PH T-1 advised the PSC has no headquarters, officers, formal members or official organ. Informant advised JEAN FRANTJIS, a member of the Communist Party of Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware (CPEPD), continues to serve as the leader of any Philadelphia activities; however, there have been no meetings of this organization in the last 14 months.

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PHILADELPHIA SOBELL COMMITTEE

Literature issued by the Committee on the dates indicated reflects the following variations of the names of the Philadelphia Committee which have been utilized:

- 2/11/52 Philadelphia Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, Post Office Box 805, Philadelphia, Pa.
- 10/14/53 Philadelphia Committee to Secure Justice in the
 Rosenberg-Sobell Case, Post Office Box 805, Philadelphia, Pa.
- 10/19/53 Philadelphia Rosenberg-Sobell Committee, Post Office Box 805, Philadelphia, Pa.
- 7/8/54 Philadelphia Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case, Post Office Box 805, Philadelphia, Pa.

On March 14, 1956 a source advised that the Philadelphia Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case was being disbanded because of a lack of funds and a lack of activity on the part of the Committee.

On source advised that on April 7, 1958 a meeting was held in Philadelphia to re-establish this committee, and the committee would be called the Philadelphia Sobell Committee.

A second source advised on May 25, 1964 that the Philadelphia Sobell Committee continues to operate as a local affiliate of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell. It has no officers; however, JEAN FRANTJIS serves as the leader of any activities in Philadelphia. These activities have been limited to the holding of occasional meetings for the purpose of raising funds to help free Morton Sobell from prison.

A third source advised on May 10, 1964 that as of May 2, 1964 JEAN FRANTJIS was a member of the Communist Party, Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware.

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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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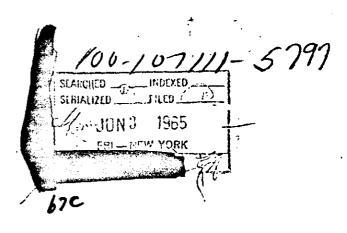
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A review of rcrep indicates there has been no activity on the part of captioned Committee in the Philadelphia area during the past 14 months.

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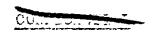
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Re: Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell Internal Security - C Internal Security Act of 1950

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There were approximately 200 to 250 persons in attendance. Among the speakers were Rose Sobell, mother of Morton Sobell, who urged continued efforts to aid her con. Other speakers were Valter and Miriam Schneir, who previewed their forthcoming book, "Invitation to an Inquest." The Schneirs advised that their book would be published in the near future. Another speaker was Helen Sobell, wife of Horton Sobell, who spoke on the need to continue the fight to free Morton Sobell, and who asked all those present to purchase the Schneirs' new book. Contributions were solicited as the people left the meeting, but the amount collected is unknown.

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A characterization of the CSJMS is contained in the Appendix hereto.

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On June 17, 1965, a meeting was held in the Colonial Room of the Hotel Sheraton Atlantic on 34th St. and Broadway, NYC, NY. This meeting was held under the auspices of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobbell. Appx. 200 people attended. This meeting started at appx. 7:15 pm and ended at 9:10 pm.

The first speaker was ROSE SOBELL, mother of MORTON SOBELL. She said her son was inocent and that the Supreme Court must review his case.

The next two speakers - husband and wife - were introduced as the author's of a new book called "Invitation to an Inquest, A New Look at the Rosenberg-Sobell Case."

Their names are WALTER and MIRIAM SCHNEIR.

The next speaker was a close relative of MORTON SOBELL. She also demanded justice for MORTON. She now teaches children in the public school system in New York City!

The meeting ended with a request for money to keep this committee going and also a request to fill out and pay for orders for the SCHNEIR's new book which will be out and Aug. 1965 by Doubleday.

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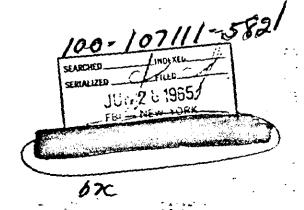
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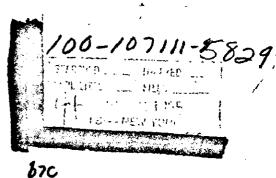
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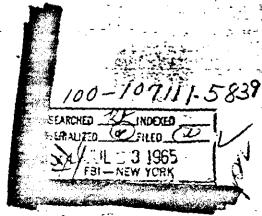
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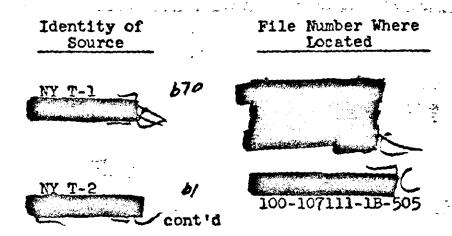
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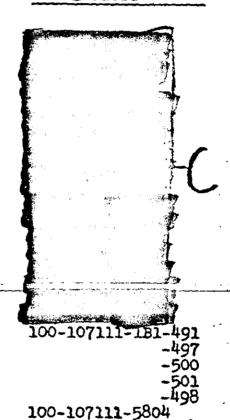


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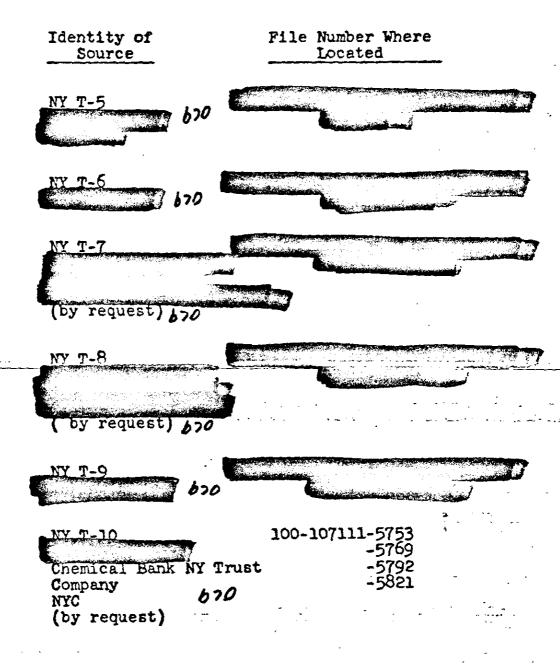
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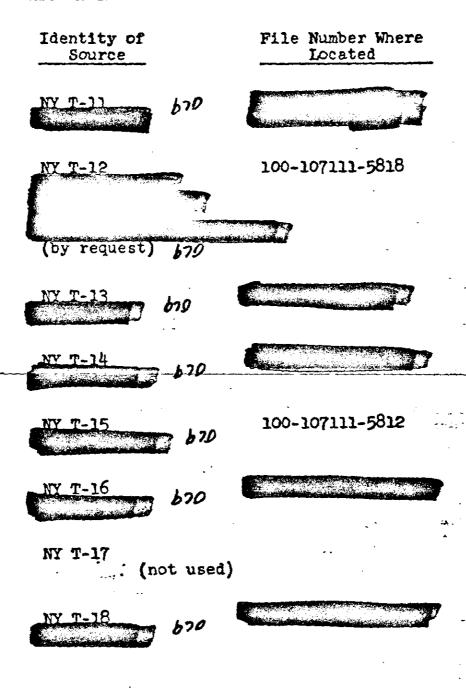
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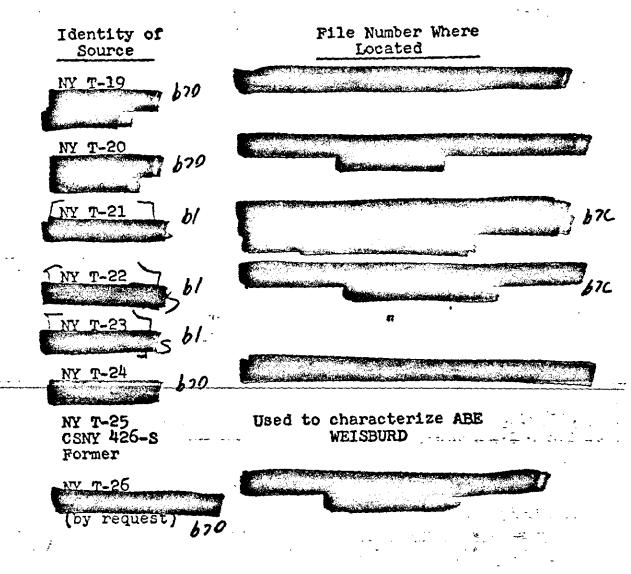


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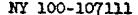
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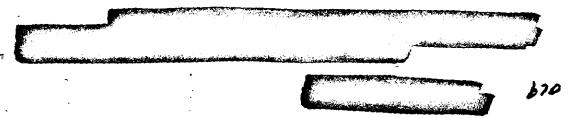


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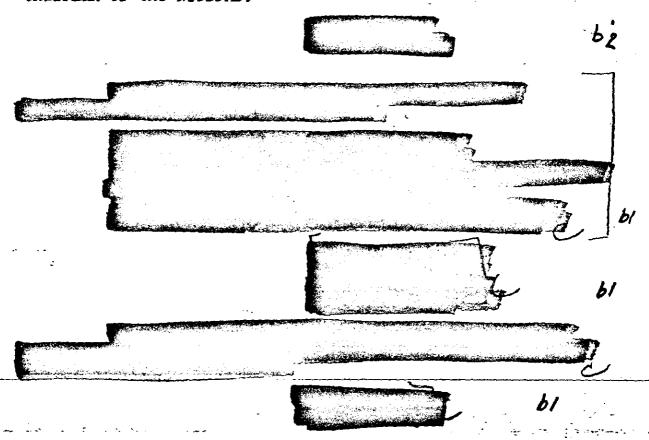
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OFFICERS AND KEY PERSONNEL

A letter dated July 2, 1965, on the stationery of the CSJMS and distributed by the CSJMS indicated Mrs. MORTON SOBELL (HELEN SOBELL) and Mrs. ROSE SOBELL were

co-Chairmen of the CSJMS. EVELYN HARAP was listed as Chairman of the NYCSJMS.



JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG and MORTON SOBELL were convicted in the United States District Court (USDC), Southern District of New York, (SDNY), on March 29, 1951, on a charge of conspiracy to commit espionage on behalf of the USSR. The ROSENBERGS were sentenced to death on April 5, 1951, and MORTON SOBELL was sentenced to 30 years imprisonment on the same date. JULIUS and ETHEL

ROSENBERG were legally executed at Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, New York, on June 19, 1953. MORTON SOBELL is currently serving his sentence in the custody of the United States Attorney General.

HELEN SOBELL

This source

HELEN GUREWITZ (HELEN SOBELL, Mrs. MORTON SOBELL) as a member of the Education and Literature Committee of the CP in Washington, D.C., as of February 1, 1944.

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ROSE SOBELL

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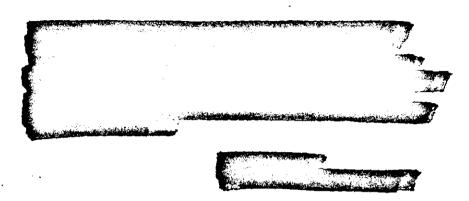
advised that the SOBLAL family had resided at this address from about July, 1931 to December, 1940.

believed ROSE SOBELL to be a CP member because of this, he could not confirm her as a member of the CP or a Communist front organization.

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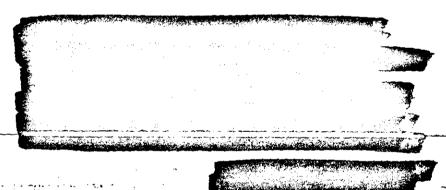
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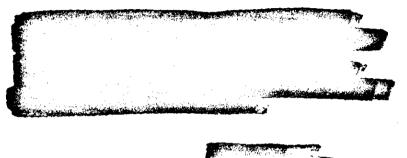
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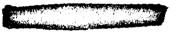
This source advised that AARON KATZ was a member of the CP for six years and had been transferred into the Waterfront Section of the CP on December 23, 1943. According to the source, KATZ, in 1944, held CP Membership Book Number 31250.

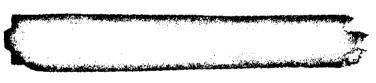
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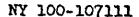




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AIMS AND PURPOSES

An article appeared in the "New York Times" on March 21, 1965, by PETER KIHSS, entitled, "Wife Still Seeks Sobell Freedom". The article stated as follows:



"One of the most massive efforts ever made to free any prisoner has been going on for nearly 15 years on behalf of Morton Sobell, convicted of conspiracy to commit espionage. His wife, Helen, says it has cost probably \$1 million thus far.

"Mrs. Sobell, a petite, black-haired former physicist, is chairman, with her mother-in-law, Mrs. Rose Sobell, of a Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, successor to a similar group named for the Rosenbergs.

"For the last decade, she says this has worked on a budget of about \$50,000 a year, with offices currently here at 150 Fifth Avenue, at 20th Street and in eight other cities.

"The committee is currently circulating a petition to President Johnson urging a pardon for Sobell. Mrs. Sobell says this has amassed 8,000 signatures in a year from Americans calling her husband innocent, and is to be submitted when 10,000 are gathered.

"Also under way is a plan for a new habeas corpus suit in Federal Court, offering what Mrs. Sobell says is still unrevealable but 'important new evidence of the innocence of the Rosenbergs and my husband', to be filed probably about June.

"William M. Kunstler, who with Arthur Kinoy, has been Sobell's counsel since September, says the Supreme Court has had the case before it six times from 1952 to 1963, but never yet allowed arguments.

"The Federal Parole Board has annually denied Sobell parole since he first became eligible in July, 1962, although without explanation, Mrs. Sobell says.

"The Sobell committee has published 8,000 copies of an eight-volume, 1,715 page trial transcript, selling this nowadays at \$6 a set, to provide what Mrs. Sobell calls a 'complete presentation'. She estimates it has distributed 10,000 copies of a 672 page book by John Wexley and 5,000 of a volume by Malcolm Sharp on the Rosenberg-Sobell case.

"Mrs. Sobell says she has herself addressed probably 1,000 meetings, at which many of the funds have been raised, including trips in 1962 and 1963 to Western Europe."

WILLIAM KUNSTLER

A source advised that a rally was held on October 24, 1962, sponsored by the New York Council to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee (NYCAHUAC) at the Manhattan Center, 34th Street and Eighth Avenue, New York City. WILLIAM KUNSTLER spoke at the rally and told the audience that the House Committee on Un-American Committee (HCUA) interferes with social progress and the brotherhood of man. KUNSTLER called for the abolition of the HCUA.



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Another source advised that KUNSTLER had had the "Daily Worker" delivered to his home in Port Chester, New York.



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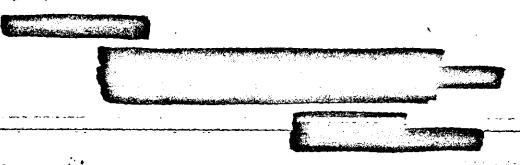
The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist newspaper which suspended publication on January 13, 1958.

WILLIAM KUNSTLER was a speaker before the National Lawyers Guild (NLG) National Convention, Detroit, Michigan, on February 21 and 22, 1964, and participated in panel discussions at this convention.



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Characterizations of the NYCAHUAC and the NIG are included in the Appendix of this report.



JOHN WEXLEY

ROBERT ROSSEN, a Hollywood Motion Picture Producer, Director and Writer, and an admitted member of the CP from 1937-1947, testified before the HCUA on May 7, 1953, and stated JOHN WEXLEY had been a member of the CP in Hollywood, California, in about 1942.



FINANCES

The information furnished below by NY T-10 is not to be made public except in the usual proceedings following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum. NY T-10 advised that he does not retain custody of the basic documents from which any of the below listed check information was obtained.

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NY T-10 is to be utilized the person to be subposensed is

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New York Trust Company, Fifth Avenue and 20th Street, New 600

York City.

NY T-10 advised that the bank account of the SC at the Chemical Bank New York Trust Company, Fifth Avenue and 20th Street, New York City, had a balance of \$3,167.53, as of February 24, 1965.

NY T-10 advised on March 29, 1965, of the following information concerning the bank account of the SC maintained at the Chemical Bank New York Trust Company:

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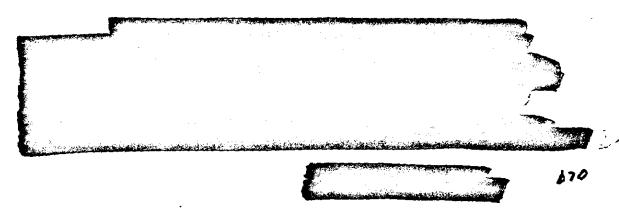
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5058	1965	50 Estates	180.00 (May, 1965 rent)
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hank account at the Chemical Bank New York Trust Company for the SC had a balance, as of May 26, 1965, of \$1,520.68.

NY T-10 advised on June 28, 1965, that the bank account for the SC, at the Chemical Bank New York Trust Company, had a balance, as of June 28, 1965, of \$1,445.06.



ACTIVITIES AND PUBLICITY



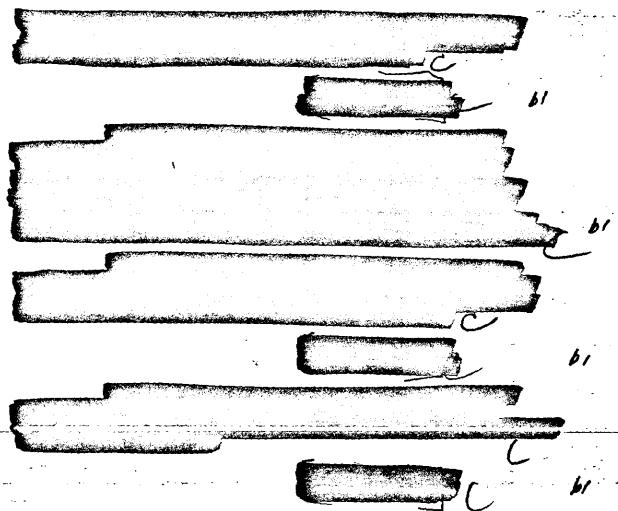
The organization known as the Committee to Defend Resistance in Ghetto Life, 1 West Union Square, New York City, is commonly known as CERGE. It is a front organization for the Progressive Labor Movement. All personnel which compose CERGE are PLM members. CERGE was organized to raise money for the PLM. The people connected with CERGE hope to build this organization into a national committee modelled after the SC.



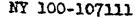
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A characterization of the PIM is included in the Appendix of this report.

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An advertisement appeared in the "New York Times" on March 11, 1965, page 24, headed by a picture of MORTON SOBELL and entitled, "Morton Sobell is Innocent President Johnson and Must Be Freed Say Harold C. Urey, Bertrand Russell, Martin Buber and thousands of others". The advertisement criticized the conviction of SOBELL and referred to prominent individuals who had requested his release. The advertisement requested "President Johnson, as you start your first full term of office, ACT ON THIS PETITION!" The petition is set forth as follows:



"CITIZENS' FULL PARDON FOR

MORTON SOBELL

"In the national effort to end the atmosphere of immorality and malice that concerns us all, we must come to grips with the festering case of Morton Sobell.

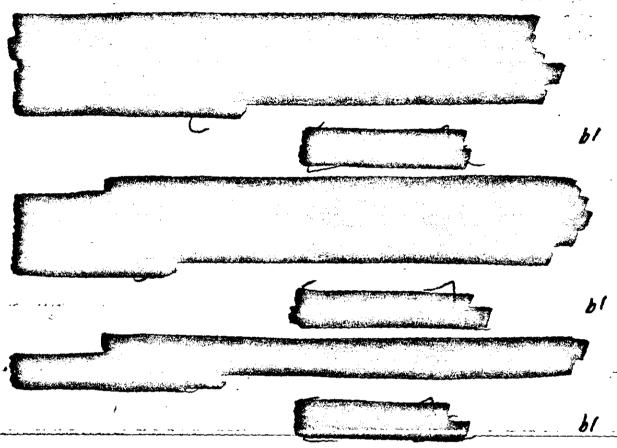
"I am innocent, Morton Sobell has cried out through more than 14 years of imprisonment. We believe him. Some of the most eminent persons in the United States and abroad have found the evidence barren, questioned the fairness of the trial, and voiced shock at the extreme cruelty of the 30-year sentence.

"As responsible citizens, in whose name Morton Sobell's imprisonment continues, we cannot be associated with such a denial of justice to a man and his family, and to our nation's ideals. We wish to join in granting on behalf of the public conscience a CITIZENS' FULL PARDON to Morton Sobell.

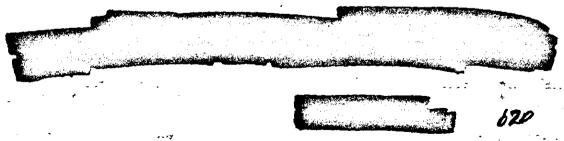
"We respectfully call upon the President of the United States to make this an official act of the United States Government".

At the bottom of the page there was a coupon with space for name, address and occupation or affiliation. This coupon was to be sent to SC, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York. The signer could check a block which requested more information; he could check that he was writing to President Johnson asking for SOBELL's freedom, and he could check that he was enclosing a contribution.





The text of the "New York Times" article of March 21, 1965, has previously been set forth in this report.



The "National Guardian" (NG), dated March 13, 1965, Page 11, had an advertisement which indicated as follows: "Sobell Committee store needs clothes, drapes, lamps, kitchen utensils in order to continue operations. Arrange for delivery by calling WA 8-9769 or bring to 1553 St. Nicholas Avenue, Monday through Saturday, between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. We no longer have storage space at the office."

The same advertisement as above appeared in the NG on March 20, 1965, Page 11 and on May 8, 1965, Page 11. The same advertisement appeared in the May 15, 1965 issue, Page 11 with the additional information that the Committee needed "volunteer workers."

A characterization of NG is included in the Appendix of this report.

An advertisement similar to the above advertisement quoted from the NG appeared in the "Morning Frieheit" issue of March 14, 1965, Page 12.

A characterization of "Morning Prieheit" is included in the appendix of this report.

The March 20. 1965 issue of the NG, Page 6, had an article captioned "Map On The Conscience of a Cold-War Nation, Sobell's still in prison, and the American millions are still silent," written by CEDRIC BEIFRAGE. The article refers to information which the author claims he received from a "release." It mentions the transfer of MORTON SOBELL in prison from Springfield, Missouri, to Lewisburg, Pennsylvania. The release had indicated "more than 7,000 have signed a petition to President JOHNSON asking SOBELL's release." The article indicates the petition campaign is led by Dr. HAROLD C. UREY. Other Americans of world eminence listed as signers are LINUS PAULING and REINHOLD NIEBUHR. The article further indicates as follows:

"We should realize that the Sobell case is the barometer per excellence of America's domestic Cold War, whose atmospheric pressure rises or falls with that of the global Cold War. If the whole pressure were reduced, his chances or returning to life would improve. Thus to a large extent

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his fate hangs on events across the earth in Indo-China. Each action for peace is an action to right this unspeakable wrong to the man in Lewisburg and the woman in New York.

"As long as the pressure remains high, their chances depend entirely on the number and standing of those Americans who will stand up and be counted: only the political power of a multitude, with prestige at its head, can prevail."

Dr. LINUS C. PAULING

On December 23, 1952, according to a "United Press" dispatch datelined Washington, D.C., LOUIS F. BUDENZ, a former functionary of the CP, USA, testified before a Special House Committee in Washington, D.C. At that time he stated LINUS PAULING had been a "concealed" member of the CP, USA who had no card or other vestige of membership, but who had made contributions to the CP, USA. He added that PAULING was a member of the Advisory Board that selected fellowship recipients for the Guggenheim Foundation.

In response to the above, PAULING, in an "Associated Press" dispatch, dated December 24, 1952, from Washington, D.C., denied the above allegation and was quoted as saying, this statement is a lie. I have never been a member of the CP, and I have sworn to this fact.

"Time", a weekly news magazine, in its issue of April 21, 1958, Page 13, Column 3, characterized Dr. LINUS CARL PAULING as a "long time supporter of Communist line fronts." To substantiate this characterization "Time" quoted a House Committee on Un-American Activities report in 1951, as follows:

"Professor Pauling", it stated, "has not deviated a hairbreath from this pattern of loyalty to the Communist cause since 1946."

CEDRIC BELFRAGE

A self-admitted Soviet espionage Agent, gave a statement in which she said that CEDRIC BELFRAGE was connected with British Intelligence in the latter part of 1942 or early part of 1943, and had been supplying JACOB GOLOS with information emanating from Scotland Yard. GOLOS was a Soviet Espionage Agent. She said that BELFRAGE was referred to as "BENJAMIN" by the Russians.

ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY November 30, 1945

On December 9, 1954, BELFRAGE was ordered deported from the United States, he was an alien who was a member of or affiliated with the Communist Party of the United States.

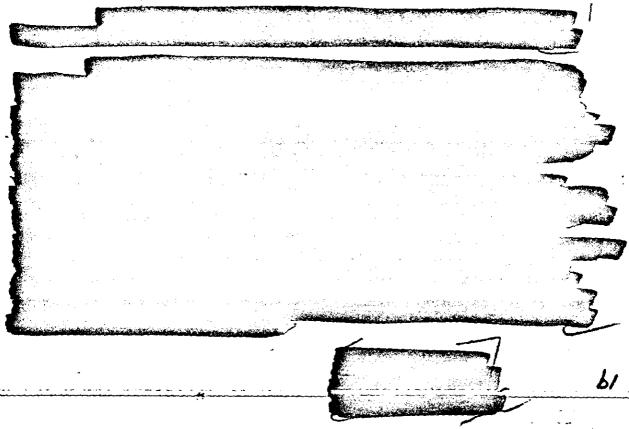
An article by ABE WEISBURD appeared in the April 3, 1965 issue of NG on Page 2. This article commented favorably on the above article of CEDRIC BELFRAGE which also appeared in the NG. This article mentioned that the Sobell Committee needed funds for an advertisement to be placed in the "Washington Post and ther newspapers." Contributions were to be mailed to "Sobell Committee, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City."

ABE WEISBURD

ABE WEISBURD had been a CP member for 11 years and has held positions on the Executive Committee of the CP for many years.

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The Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications, published by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, on Page 62 reflects that ABE WEISBURD was executive secretary of the National Labor Committee for Clemency for the ROSENBERGS.



An advertisement of CSJMS with the petition and a coupon at the bottom, appeared in the Washington Post and Times Herald, a daily newspaper in Washington, D.C., in the April 7, 1965, issue on Page 8. This advertisement was identical to the one which appeared in the New York Times on March 11, 1965, the contents of which have been reported above.

The following article appeared in the "Morning Frieheit" on Page 11, April 14, 1965 issue entitled "New Morton Sobell Appeal To The Government for Parole." The article stated as follows:

"News was received during the past few days that Morton Sobell, who was sentenced to 30 years in jail during the McCarthy years on the fabricated charge of espionage, - is now appealing to the Government to be freed.

"Sobell has already served almost half of the 30year term. He served for over five years in gruesome Alcatraz Prison in California.

"Sobell's appeal is to the Department of Justice. In response to the appeal by William Kunstler, Sobell's lawyer, to the Department of Justice for a pardon for Sobell, the lawyer received forms from the Department of Justice for an appeal for a pardon of the remainder of the sentence.

"Mrs. Helen Sobell, wife of Morton Sobell, stated that she received a letter from Reed Kozart, Justice Department Pardon Lawyer, that Sobell's appeal for a pardon would be forwarded to the chief United States lawyer and to the Judge who sentenced Sobell, for both of them to state their position on the petition.

"Mrs. Sobell stated that her husband still insists that he is innocent and that he was convicted without cause in the cold war atmosphere."

"Sobell is now in the Lewisburgh Penitentiary, in Pennsylvania."

On the following dates, advertisements appeared in the NG for the "Sobell Cabaret Night" to be held May 8, 1955, at the Woodstock Hotel, 127 West 43rd Street, New York City, at 9:00 p.m. The price was \$6.50 which included dinner, show, and dancing. The ad appeared for April 10, 1965, April 17, 1965, April 24, 1965, May 1, 1965 and May 8, 1965.

The invitation to "Sobell Cabaret Night" which was mailed to Committee members and those on the mailing list of CSJMS had the following comment about the entertainment: "Peaturing the new, hilarious topical Revue 'Needle in a Haystack by LEWIS ALLEN.!"

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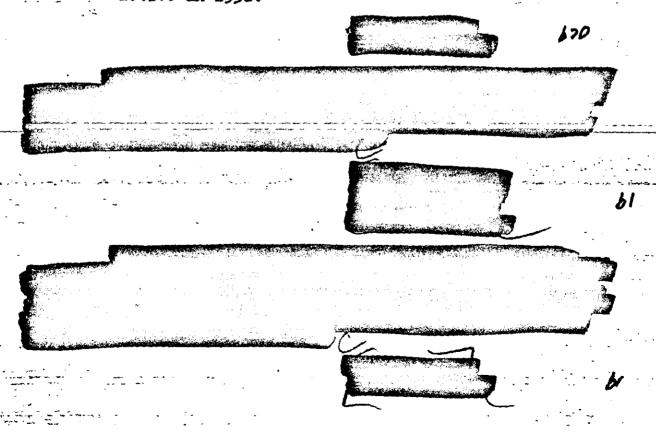
LEWIS ALLEN

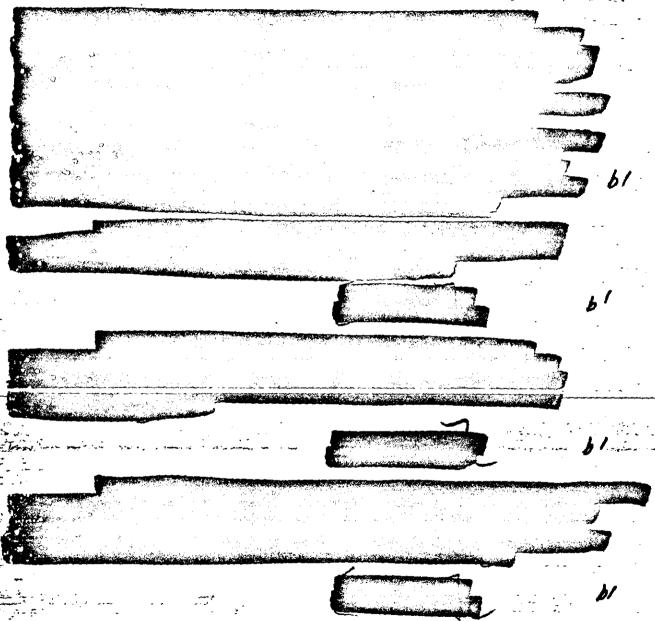
advised that ABEL MEEROPOL, also known as LEWIS ALLEN, was a member of the CP 670

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ABEL MEEROPOL was a member of CP and active in 1946 and 1947. He was believed still active in 1951.



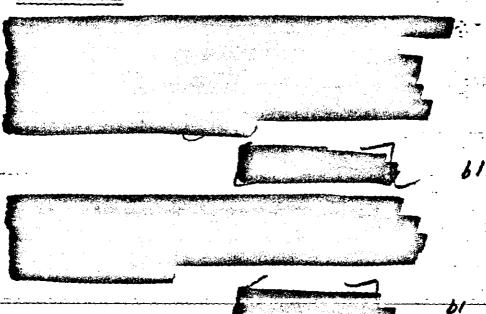


A dinner party was given at Powder Hill Ski and Cabana area of Middlefield, Connecticut, on May 29, 1965, for HELEN SOBELL. Approximately 25 people attended. HELEN SOBELL gave a speech and passed out booklets which concerned "facts" of the Wiell-Rosnber trial and passed out a reprint of the CSJMS articles which appeared in the New York Times.

on March 21, 1965. HELEN SOBELL was introduced by LOUIS ZEMEL and, after her speech, he took orders for the book "Invitation to an Inquest,"

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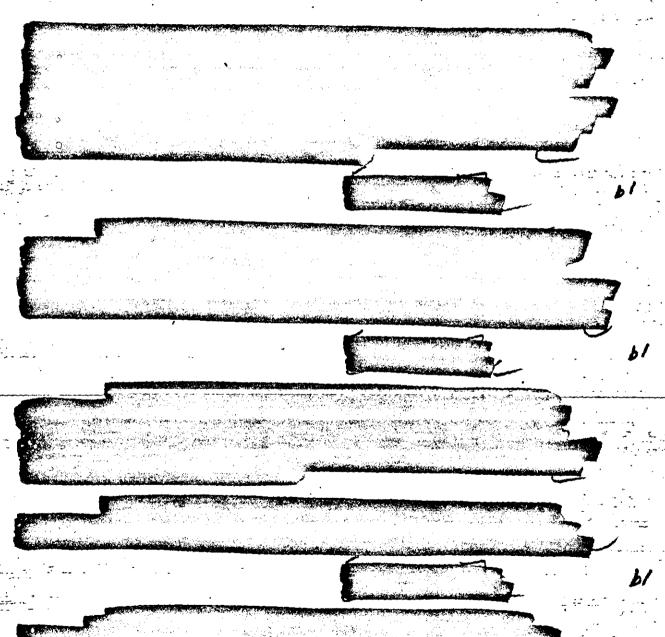
LOUIS ZEMEL



LOUIS ZEMEL was active in the New Haven. Connecticut chapter of the Fair Play For Cuba Committee during 1961 and 1962.



A characterization of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC) is included in the appendix of this report.



the members were urged to attend the ROSENBERG's Memorial Tribute to be held June 17, 1965.

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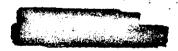
A ROSENBERG Memorial Tribute, sponsored by the CSJMS was held from 7:15 p.m. to 9:10 p.m. on June 17, 1965, in the Colonial Room of the Sheraton-Atlantic Hotel, 34th Street and Broadway, New York, New York.

There were approximately 200 to 250 persons in attendance. Among the speakers were ROSE SOBELL, mother of MORTON SOBELL, who urged continued efforts to aid her son. Other speakers were WALTER and MIRIAM SCHNEIR, who previewed their forthcoming book, "Invitation to an Inquest." The SCHNEIRs advised that their book would be published in the near future. Another speaker was HELEN SOBELL, wife of MORTON SOBELL, who spoke on the need to continue the fight to free MORTON SOBELL, and who asked all those present to purchase the SCHNEIRS' new book. Contributions were solicited as the people left the meeting, but the amount collected is unknown.



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At a meeting of the Newark, New Jersey membership of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) all members were urged to write the President of the United States requesting him to grant a full pardon for MORTON SOBELL.



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A characterization of the SWP is included in the Appendix of this report.

COMMITTER TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

"Following the execution of atomic spies ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG in June, 1953, the 'Communist campaign assumed a different emphasis. Its major effort centered upon MORTON SOEEL', the ROSENBERGS' codefendant. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Resemberg Case - a Communist front which had been conducting the campaign in the United States - was reconstituted as the National Rosenberg - Sobell Committee at a conference in Chicago in October, 1953, and 'then the Mational Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case'..."

("Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", dated December 1, 1961, issued by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, page 116.)

In September, 1954, the name "National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" appeared on literature issued by the Committee.

The Address Telephone Directory for the Borough of Manhattan, New York City, as published by the New York Telephone Company on April 5, 1965, lists the "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" (CSJMS) as being located at 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York.

FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE

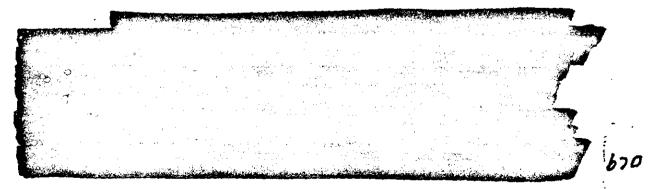
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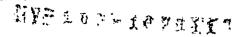
The April 6, 1960, edition of "The New York Times" newspaper contained a full-page advertisement captioned "What Is Really Happening In Cuba," placed by the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC). This advertisement announced the formation of the FPCC in New York City and declared the FPCC intended to promulgate "the truth about revolutionary Cuba" to neutralize the distorted American press.

"The New York Times" edition of January 11, 1961, reported that at a hearing conducted before the United States Senate Internal Security Subcommittee on January 10, 1961, Dr. CHARLES A. SANTOS-BUCH identified himself and ROBERT TABER as organizers of the FPCC. He also testified he and TABER obtained funds from the Cubar. Government which were applied toward the cost of the aforementioned advertisement.

On May 16, 1963, a source advised that during the first two years of the FPCC's existence there was a struggle between Communist Party (CP) and Socialist Workers Party (SWP) elements to exert their power within the FPCC and thereby influence FPCC policy. This source added that during the past year there had been a successful effort by FPCC leadership to minimize the role of these and other organizations in the FPCC so that their influence as of May, 1963, was negligible.

The SWP has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.





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APPENDIX

FAIR PLAY FOR CUEA COMMITTEE

The November 23, 1963, edition of "The New York Times" reported that Senator THOMAS J. DODD of Connecticut had called FPCC "the chief public relations instrument of the CASTRO network in the United States." It is to be noted that Senator DODD was a member of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee which twice conducted hearings on the FPCC.

The December 27, 1963, edition of "The New York World Telegram and Sun" newspaper stated that the pro-CASTRO FPCC was seeking to go out of business and that its prime activity during its lifetime had been sponsorship of pro-CASTRO street rallies and mass picket lines, and the direction of ch active propaganda mill highlighting illegal travel-to-Cuba campaigns. Its comparatively brief span of life was attributed to mounting anti-CASTRO American public opinion, the 1962 Congressional hearings which disclosed FPCC financing by CASTRO's United Nations Delegation, and ultimately, the bad publicity which the FPCC received from disclosure of activities on its behalf by suspected presidential assassin, LEE H. OSWALD.

On February 6, 1964, the previously mentioned second source advised that V. T. LEE had recently remarked that the FPCC was deed and that there were no plans to organize another-similar organization.

On April 12, 1964, a third source advised that there had not been any FECC activity in many months and that the FPCC had been dissolved.

GREATER NEW YORK LABOR PRESS CLUB

A source advised on December 6, 1952, that the Greater New York Press Club (GNYPC) was formed during February, 1961, by LOUIS WEINSTOCK when he was the General Manager of "The Worker" by obtaining members who would contribute funds, subscribe to and work for "The Worker," and also to hold social and cultural affairs.

The source stated that in the spring of 1962, JAMES LUSTIG was the Business Manager of "The Worker." LUSTIG announced at a press club meeting at Adelphi Hall, New York City, held on April 26, 1962, the formation of a new press club known as the "City Press Club Executive Board" (CPCEB). The purpose of this new club was to coordinate the work of all the borough press clubs in the New York City area; to strengthen the work of the press clubs; to organize new press clubs; and to draw in people who were not members of the Communist Party, United States of America (CPUSA). The source stated that the basic purpose was to raise funds for "The Worker" and increase the circulation of that publication. Persons not members of the CFUSA could be members of the new club, but leadership in the club was limited to members of the CPUSA. The name of the CPCEB was later changed to "Greater City Press Club" (GCPC) which club became the successor of the GNYPC 🗀

The source continued that in July, 1962, LOUIS WEINSTOCK again became General Manager of "The Worker" and the GCPC again became known as the Greater New York Readers' Club, Greater New York Readers' Club, Greater New York Readers' Club, Greater New York Readers' Conference, Greater City Press Club and the City Press Club, by personnel responsible for preparation of notices and literature regarding meetings and activities of the clubs. The source advised at that time the GNYPC had no office or headquarters and used the mailing address of "The Worker," 23 West 26th Street, New York City.

"The Worker" is an East Coast Communist newspaper.

The second source advised on August 15, 1962, that the Greater New York Readers' Club was formerly known as the "Three Boro Readers' Club."

GREATER NEW YORK LABOR PRESS CLUB

The first source advised on May 28, 1963, that the GNYPC holds no membership meetings and that the officers had ceased to function for the GNYPC. The source a vised that LOUIS WEINSTOCK was responsible for using the name of the GNYPC in conjunction with the activities of the Readers Conferences at "Worker" functions. The organization of the GNYPC no longer functions.

The first source advised on April 21, 1964, that on March 31, 1964, about 50 members of the CPUSA met at the Hotel Woodstock, 127 West 43rd Street, New York City. At this meeting, JOE BRANDT, the Business Manager of "The Worker," advised that, after consultation with the Editorial Board and other officials of "The Worker," it was decided to rebuild the GNYPC and to rename it the Greater New York Labor Press Club (GNYLPC). Those present at the meeting, without a dissenting vote, approved this decision.

A third source advised on April 29, 1964, that on the same date ERIC BERT, Managing Editor of "The Worker" said that the GNYLPC is a group of individuals who, as volunteers, help support "The Worker" and aid in its distribution and circulation.

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"MORNING FREIHEIT"

'The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning "Morning Freiheit":

"Morning Freiheit

- "1. The Communist International "subsidized * * the founding of the CPUSA's newspaper, Freiheit."

 (Subversive Activities Control Board, Docket No. 51-101, Modified Report with respect to the Communist Party of the United States of America, December 18, 1956, p. 159.)
- "2. A 'Communist Yiddish daily.'
 (Attorney General FRANCIS BIDDLE,
 Congressional Record, September 24,
 1942, p. 7686.)
- "3. 'The Freiheit has been one of the rankest organs of Communist propaganda in this country for almost a quarter of a century.'
 (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 75.)"

"NATIONAL GUARDIAN"

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the "National Guardian":

"National Guardian

"1. 'established by the American Labor
Party in 1947 as a "progressive"
weekly * * *. Although it denies
having any affiliation with the
Communist Party, it has manifested
itself from the beginning as a virtual
official propaganda arm of Coviet Russia.'
(Committee on Un-American Activities,
Report, Trial by Treason: The National
Committee to Secure Justice for the
ROSENBERGS and MORTON SOBELL, August 25,
1955, p. 12.)"

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NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the National Lawyers Guild:

"National Lawyers Guild

- "1. Cited as a Communist front. (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149.)
- "2. Cited as a Communist front which 'is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party its front organizations, and controlled unions' and which 'since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents.'

 (Committee on Un-A erican Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally related September 17, 1950.)
- "3. 'To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the * * * National Lawyers Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection.' (Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)"

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NEW YORK COUNCIL TO ABOLISH THE HOUSE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

New York Council to Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee (NYCAUAC), 150 West 34th Street, New York City, New York, was formed at a meeting held in New York City on November 17, 1960. This organization was founded principally through the efforts of FRANK WILKINSON, Field Representative of the National Committee to Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee (NCAUAC).

was a member of the Los Angeles County, CP as of September, 1952.

A second source furnished on September 14, 1961, a copy of resolutions of the New York Council to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee (NYCAHUAC) which were adopted by the NYCAHUAC. One such resolution affirmed the intention to continue to work for the abolition of the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) and to continue its efforts to broaden the participation in this fight. Inother resolution accepted as a modus vivendi the suggestion of the Field Representative of the "National Committee to Abolish the HCUA", (NCAHUAC) namely that local abolition committees may identify and coordinate their efforts as closely as they desire with NCAHUAC, still maintaining their autonomy for as flexible and independent a program as possible.

A third, fourth and fifth source have advised during March, 1962, that Communist Party (CP) members in the New York City area have been solicited to support activities of the NYCAHUAC during attendance at CP club meetings.

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On May 7, 1965, the sixth source advised that the NYCAHUAC continues to function from its office at 150 West 34th Street, New York City, New York.

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PROGRESSIVE LABOR PARTY (PLP)
PROGRESSIVE LABOR MOVEMENT (PLM)

A source advised on April 20, 1965, that the PLP, formerly known as the PLM, held its first national convention April 15-18, 1965, at New York City, to organize the PLM into a PLP. The PLP will have as its ultimate objective the establishment of a militant working class movement based on Marxism-Leninism.

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"The New York Times," City Edition, Tuesday, April 20, 1965, page 27, reported that a new party of "revolutionary socialism" was formally founded on April 18, 1965, under the name of the PLP. The PLP was described as an outgrowth of the PLM. Its officers were identified as MILTON ROSEN, New York, President, and WILLIAM EPTON of New York and MORT SCHEER of San Francisco, Vice Presidents. A 20-member National Committee was elected to direct the party until the next convention.

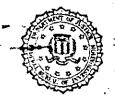
According to the article, "The Progressive Labor Movement was founded in 1962 by Mr. ROSEN and Mr. SCHEER after they were expelled from the Communist party of the United States for assertedly following the Chinese Communist line."

The PLP publishes the "Marxist-Leninist Quarterly," a theoretical magazine; "Progressive Labor," a monthly magazine; "Challenge," a New York City newspaper; and "Spark," a west coast newspaper.

The June 1, 1965, issue of "Challenge," page 6, states that, "this paper is dedicated to fight for a new way of life-where the working men and women own and control their homes, factories, the police, courts, and the entire government on every level."

The source advised that the PLP utilizes the address of General Post Office Box 808, Brooklyn 1, New York, but also utilizes an office in Room 622, 132 Nassau Street, New York City, where PLP publications are prepared.





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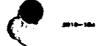
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Invitation to an inquest, By Walter and Miriam Schneir, 467 pages. Doubleday, \$5.95.

It is fitting that, twenty years after liroshima, a book should appear, deoted to the most famous case associted with the catachysmic event-the comic-espionage trial which resulted in in execution of Julius and Ethel Rosenerg. "Invitation to an Inquest" comemorates an event and an era. The eath sentence reverberated throughout ae world. In capital cities everywhere, igils convened at U.S. embassies and ass rallies assembled to protest. The iosenbergs' electrocution at Sing Sing

avestigation of all the relevant available lata and, in effect, a legal brief as well. for fact, the lawyers for Morton Sobell -one of the figures in the Rosenberg ase now serving a 30-year sentence in a l'ederal penitentiary-bave announced that they will append "Inquest" to their motion for a new trial for their client.

'Hoax': Arguing Sobell's innocence,. the motion will claim, as do the Schneirs, perjury on the part of Harry Gold and David and Ruth Greenglass, the key witaesses for the prosecution, and forgery and suppression of evidence on the part of the government. What is being charged-and the charge is not new-is that the Rosenbergs and Sobell were victims of a frame-up, a "fautastic hoax."

Whatever the ruling on the motion, the Schneirs' book, like the case itself, is disquicting. Not a line of it can be eadily dismissed as mere apologetics. No scrap of evidence is transparently

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The government charged that David N. Y. Greenglass (Ethel Rosenberg's brother) made drawings of atomic devices while he was a U.S. Army technician stationed ne june 19, 1953, did not kill off at the Los Alamos, N.M., lab, and that ne doubts.

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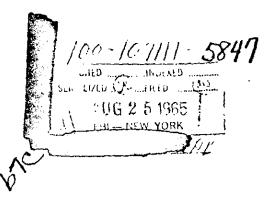
loubts anew in their book, the result of it Rosenberg for transmission, to Soviet five years' labor, at once a painstaking agents' Sobell, who was convicted in FORWARDED BY NY DIVISION the same trial, had been charged with non-atomic espionage.

> "Gold's word . . . was literally worthless," they maintain, as, in their judgment, was Greenglass's. They amass, out of Harry Gold's tireless mouth, evidence that seems to point to his staggering unreliability-the possessor of one of history's most convenient memories. Even when he insisted passionately upon the truth of a statement, "absolutely and categorically," he later shifted his ground and controverted that statement. And he did this, not once or a few times, but repeatedly, habitually. Again and again, he altered his story, or drastically changed it, or embellished it, added and removed emphases, refined and polished glaring contradictions and inconsistencies. And so with Greenglass.

Gold is made out to seem la combination of pathological liar and self-

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dramatizing megalomaniac-with a "memory" infinitely susceptible to guidance and manipulation. The Schneirs assert that the Rosenbergs were innocent; that the plot to obtain national-defense information for the Soviet Union never took place; that the "hoax" was manufactured during the 400 hours of Gold's interrogation by the FBI and his further interrogation by government attorneys. that Gold and Greenglass had, in fact, never met prior to their imprisonment; that, in the atmosphere of hysteria surrounding the discovery that the Soviels had tested an atomic device, scapegoats had to be uncovered--or created.

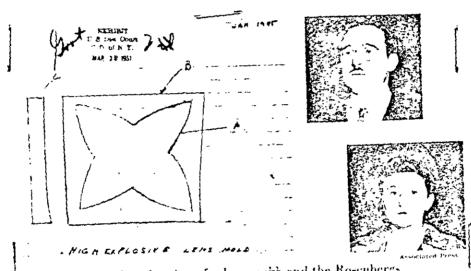
The Bosenbergs, argue the Schneirs, were those scapegoats. And they conclude: "In short, the trial—staged against a backdrop of national anxiety over the Korean War and a possible atomic conflict with the Soviet Union—was a product of its times, displaying in microcosm many of the prevalent seconditical assumptions and preoccupa-

tions of the day."

'Rehash': Queried about the book, two of the assistant prosecuting attorneys in the Rosenberg-Sobell trial, James Kilsheimer III and Roy M. Cohn, scornfully denied the possibility of judicial error. "All I know." Kilsheimer said, "is that the book takes an antigovernment position." Kilsheimer had not read the Schneirs' book but he had read some advance publicity of it. "The trial was 100 per cent fair," he said. Colm charged that the book was "a rehash of the old left-wing line all over again." The Schneirs, Cohn said, spent hours with Mrs. Sobell. "Why didn't they talk to me or some of the other prosecutors?" he asked. (Walter Schneit's reply was: "There is a certain naïveté in going to the prosecution and asking: 'Did you frame the case?"")

Whatever the judgment, the dispute will continue. The Rosenbergs lie in an

Imquiet grave.



Greenglass drawing of a long-mont, and the Rosenbergs

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The text of the informant's statement is as follows:

"Baltimore, Maryland August 8, 1965

"On August 8, 1965 there was a mass demonstration against the War in Viet Nam in Washington, D. C., at 2p.m. there was a small demonstration in front of the White House.

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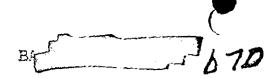
Were also there.

"At the Washington Monument there were many different groups holding work shops. Most of them were the youth including a group from the Mississippi Freedom Party. This group was discussing housing conditions.

"The SOBELL Committee had a table set up there and several people were from New York tending the table. The man in charge was ABE WEISBARD, 300 N. 49th Street, New York 19, New York. Their main concentration was taking orders for a book published by Doubleday and Company, entitled "Invitation to an Inquest" It is an "expose" about the Rosenberg Sobell case.

"About 3p.m. a very large group of youth and students marched from the Washington Monument to the White House and they picketed the White House. There were about 6-800 people there. Many were college students and beatnik type characters. One young fellow hitched hiked from Oklahoma where he is a student. He said that a man whose name could have been JASON tried to form a W. B. Dubois Club. He was not very successful in Oklahoma and this man later went down to Guatamala to fight in a revolution.

"This picket line was very spirited. There were a few anti-communist pickets, very few, but there were no incidents.



"In the morning a group of about 50-60 pickets asked to be arrested in front of the White House and the police obliged them. An old man, Mr. MUSKEE, was among them.

"There were many different organizations, socialist, Trotskytes, Snicks and more than 95% were young people. Counting all pickets there were about 1000-1200.

"The Sobell Committee wants to try to have the New Era Book Shop sell their book.

"The entire meeting was not to well coordinated but at 8p.m. there was to be a mass meeting at the Washington Monument.

"There were no communist signs present but several communists as stated above were there. They did not attempt to give an leadership or direction to the demonstrations."

This memo has been compared with the informant's original statement and it is accurate in substance.



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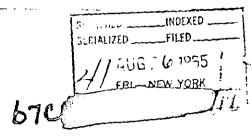
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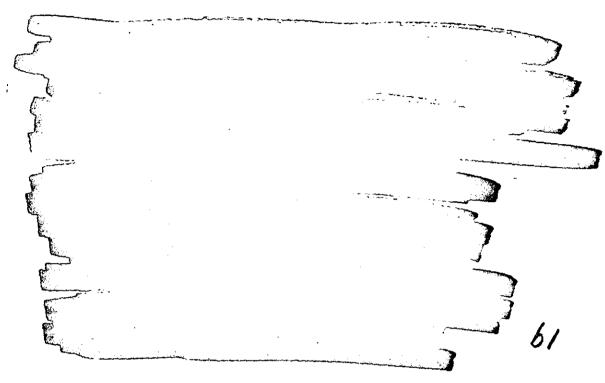
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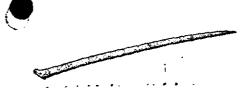


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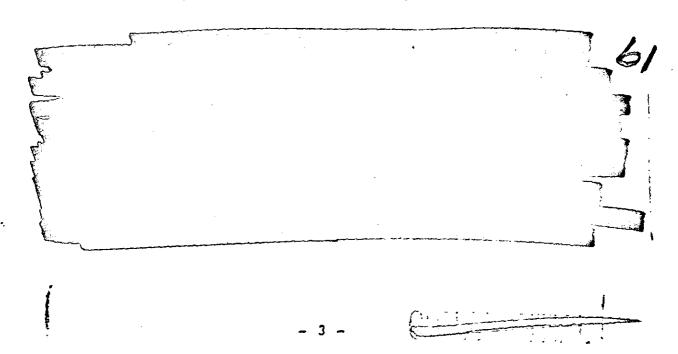
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Rosenberg and his wife, Ethel, were arrested on July 17, 1950 and August 18, 1950 respectively on a charge of con-spiracy to commit espionage.

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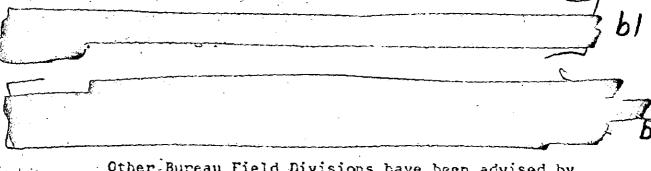


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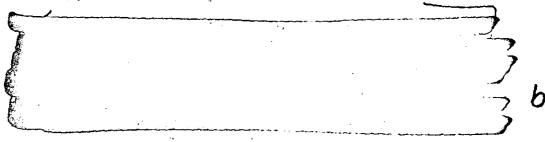
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COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

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Synopsis:

Confidential informant reports that there has been no activity for many months and that CAROLYN CANAFAX is no longer active in subject committee. MARY GIBSON reported to still handle correspondence when there is a need. Bank balance as of 8/2/65 of \$5.58.

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DETAILS:

For a characterization of the captioned organization refer to the appendix section.

I. OFFICERS

advised that there are no officers of the Seattle Sobell Committee. However, MARY GIBSON is the moving force in this organization.



MARY CIBSON has never been a member of the Communist Party (CP) but is in sympathy 67d with its aims and purposes.

Advised that MARY GIBSON attended a public forum held under the auspices of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) at Seattle.

The SWP and the Seattle Branch, SWP, will be found characterized in the appendix section.

CAROLYN "KELL" CANAFAX is no longer active in this organization 670

advised that CAROLYN CANAFAX had severed her relations with the CP

II. LOCATION

handles the correspondence for this organization, when there is a need, from her home, but that the group has no office or mailing address in Seattle.

III. FUNDS

On September 15, 1965 SE T-5 furnished the following information:

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The records of the Seattle Trust and Savings Bank, Second and Columbia Street, Seattle, Washington, reveal the Seattle Sobell Committee account has the following status.

Date	Deposits	Withdrawals	Service Charge	Balance
7/20/64				\$14,43
8/5/64	\$48,50			62,93
8/14/64	3,00			65,93
8/24/64	7.00			72,93
9/28/64		\$50,00	\$,10	22.83
11/20/64		•	•	22.83
11/25/64		20.00	.10	2.73
12/21/64	8.00			10.73
12/29/64		8.00	.10	2.63
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IV. ACTIVITIES

On September 7, 1965 advised that there has been no activity in Seattle involving this organization 676 for many months.

On June 29, 1965 Jadvised that at a meeting of the Washington Committee for Protection of Foreign Born (WCPFB) on Jat Seattle, Washington, the persons attending this meeting were admonished to see that MORTON SOBELL is freed "now".

The WCPFB will be found characterized in the appendix section.

APPENDIX

COMMITTLE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SCHELL (SEATTLE ECPELL COMMITTEE)

A source advised the Scattle Sobell Committee was formed during April 1959 by an organizar of the Sobell Committee from Los Angeles, California. 300% MEATLIE, a member of the Socialist Workers Party in Seattle, was named Chairman and CAROLINE CANAFAX was named Secretary.

The Sucialist Workers Party has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On January 17, 1964, a second source advised that at a South Central Communist Party (CP) Section Committee meeting, at Seattle, Washington, on January 12, 1964, it was announced several persons had cautioned CAROLINE CANAFAX against filing a breach of contract suit against the owners of a private school where she had formerly taught. It was felt such a suit could have the CP.

On February 1, 1965, a third source advised CAROLINE CANAFAX had dropped out of the White Center CP Club, Seattle, Washington, and had disassociated herself from CP activities.

On Morch 10, 1965, a fourth scurce advised CAROLINE CANAFAX and MARY OF SON were the moving forces in the Seattle Sobell Committee, and MARY OF TON handled most of the correspondence; but there are no regularly schemiled meetings; no office or mailing address and no officers. At this time, source

advised there has been no recent activity of the organization in Seattle.

On January 13, 1965, a fifth source advised MARY GIESON attended a public forum held under the augpices of the Socialist Workers Party on January 9, 1965 at Scattle. 671

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SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY - SEATTLE BRANCH

In May, 1941, a source advised that during the month of May, 1941, the Seattle Branch of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) was reorganized and received official recognition as a branch of the Party from the national office of the SWP in New York, New York.

On May 24, 1968, another source advised that the Seattle Branch, SWP, with headquarters at 3815 5th Avenue Northeast, Seattle, is a present affiliate of the National SWP, following the aims and principles of the National SWF. According to source, membership in the Seattle Branch includes RICHARD FRASER, who is a member of the SWP National Committee, and his wife, CLARA FRASER, who is an alternate member of the SWP National Committee.

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WASHINGTON COMMITTEE FOR PROTECTION OF FOREIGN BORN

"The Lamp", official organ of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born (ACPFB), in its August, 1949 issue, reported that the Northwest Committee for Protection of Foreign Born (NWCPFB) was established at Seattle, Washington in July, 1949, as a part of the ACPFB.

The ACPFB has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Mrs. BARBARA HARTLE, admitted member and officer of the Communist Party (CP), in Washington State during the period 1934 to 1954, testified on December 13, 1956, that the NWCPFB, in 1954, changed its name and became the Washington Committee for Protection of Foreign Born (WCPFB); that the NWCPFB, the WCPFB and ACPFB were parts of the same organization; that the WCPFB was controlled lock, stock and barrel by the Communist conspiracy; and that WCPFB officers MARION KINNEY, Executive Secretary; CECELIA CORR, Treasurer and CLARA A. PAULSON, Recording Secretary, were each known to her as a "Communist".

A mimeographed letter disseminated in November, 1956, with the return address of the WCPFB, stated that, "The Committee is an unaffiliated non-partisan body devoted to the preservation of democratic rights of all foreign-born residents of the United States. Its program is to arouse widespread and unceasing public protest against the application of the McCarran Iaw...We work to effect repeal of the law and to secure enactment of a humane democratic immigration code. We help provide legal defense and public support of any foreign-born person requesting our assistance."

In April, 1965, a leaflet was distributed in the vicinity of Seattle, announcing an international dinner and program
to be sponsored by the WCPFB on April 24, 1965 at Washington Hall
Seattle. The "People's World" of April 17, 1965, carried an article publicizing this event and referring to it as the "Spring
Festival" of the WCPFB.

The "People's World" is a West Coast communist newspaper published weekly at San Francisco, California.





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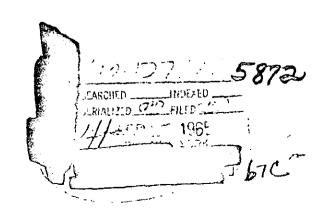
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There has been no activity on the part of the local Committee to Secure Justice for Horton Sobell since 2/64.

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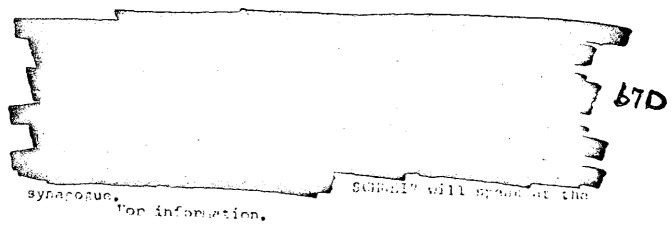
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